

**STATE COMMITTEE OF EXAMINERS IN THE
FITTING AND DISPENSING OF HEARING INSTRUMENTS
COMPLAINTS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, October 7, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.
Department of State Health Services, Room S-402
8407 Wall Street
Austin, Texas 78724**

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order
2. Introduction of Guests
3. Review and approve subcommittee report of the meeting held June 10, 2004
4. Discussion and possible action on compliance with previously levied sanctions and course of action for non-compliance
5. Discussion and possible action to consider the following complaints, all pending filed against the same licensee:

FD-04-045, FD-04-055, FD-04-060
6. Discussion and possible action to consider the following complaints, involving supervisory and temporary training permit requirements, interrelated:

FD-04-065, FD-04-066, FD-05-001, FD-05-002
7. Discussion and possible action to consider the following complaints

FD-04-051, FD-04-063, FD-05-003
8. Discussion and possible action to consider the following complaints:

FD-04-044, FD-04-059
9. Discussion and possible action to consider the following complaints:

FD-04-064, FD-05-004
10. Consideration of request for extension of temporary training permit.
11. Announcements and comments not requiring board action
12. Adjournment

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**STATE COMMITTEE OF EXAMINERS IN THE
FITTING AND DISPENSING OF HEARING INSTRUMENTS
CONTINUING EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, October 7, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.

Department of State Health Services, Room S-402

8407 Wall Street

Austin, Texas 78724

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Introduction of Guests
3. Review and approve subcommittee report of the meeting held June 10, 2004
4. Discussion and possible action to clarify the position of the Committee on the required hours approved at the previous meeting for 2005 and whether these hours will actually be required by the Committee for license renewal in 2005.
5. Announcements and comments not requiring board action
6. Public Comments
7. Adjournment

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**STATE COMMITTEE OF EXAMINERS IN THE
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EXAMINATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, October 7, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.
Department of State Health Services, Room S-402
8407 Wall Street
Austin, Texas 78724**

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order
2. Introduction of Guests
3. Review and approve the subcommittee report of the meeting held June 10, 2004.
4. Discussion and possible action to review changes made to the examination.
5. Discussion and possible action regarding post-examination survey.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding the use of artificial ears for the ear impression practicum.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding the written examination test item bank.
8. Discussion of pros and cons of having a Committee-administered practical examination.
9. Announcements and comments not requiring board action
10. Public Comments
11. Adjournment

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**STATE COMMITTEE OF EXAMINERS IN THE
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RULES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, October 8, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.
Department of State Health Services, Room S-402
8407 Wall Street
Austin, Texas 78724**

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order
2. Introduction of Guests
3. Review and approve the subcommittee report of the meeting June 11, 2004.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding rules suggested for committee proposal regarding proposed rule changes mandated by prior legislative changes: online renewal of licenses and subsequent collection of additional fees to fund online renewal, two-year licensing, and the collection of additional fees with each new application submitted after January 1, 2004, to fund the Office of Patient Protection.
5. Discussion and possible action to consider petition for adoption of amendments to 22 T.A.C., Chapter 141, submitted by Committee Member Richard Davila.
6. Announcements and comments not requiring board action
7. Public Comments
8. Adjournment

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**STATE COMMITTEE OF EXAMINERS IN THE
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APPLICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, October 7, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.
Department of State Health Services, Room S-402
8407 Wall Street
Austin, Texas 78724**

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order
2. Introduction of Guests
3. Review subcommittee report of meeting held June 11, 2004.
4. Discussion and possible action on processing of renewals based on requirements under §141.13(c)(16).
5. Review and possible action on processes and procedures to handle Administrative and Applications Subcommittee processing of applications for reciprocity, expired licenses, and expired temporary training permits.
6. Public Comments
7. Announcements and comments not requiring board action
8. Adjournment

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**STATE COMMITTEE OF EXAMINERS IN THE
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FULL COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, October 8, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.
Department of State Health Services, Room S-402
8407 Wall Street
Austin, Texas 78724**

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order
2. Introduction of Guests
3. Introduction of New Member and Training
4. Review and Approval of Committee Report from meeting held June 11, 2004.
5. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Following Subcommittee Reports
 - I. Complaints
 - A. Discussion and possible action on compliance with previously levied sanctions and course of action for non-compliance
 - B. Discussion and possible action on the following complaints:
FD-04-045, FD-04-055, FD-04-060, FD-04-065, FD-04-066, FD-05-001, FD-05-002,
FD-04-51, FD-04-063, FD-05-003, FD-04-044, FD-04-059, FD-04-064, FD-05-004
 - C. Consideration of request for extension of temporary training permit.
 - II. Continuing Education
Discussion and possible action to clarify the position of the Committee on the required hours approved at the previous meeting for 2005 and whether these hours will actually be required by the Committee for license renewal in 2005.
 - III. Examination
 - A. Discussion and possible action to review changes made to the examination.
 - B. Discussion and possible action regarding post-examination survey.
 - C. Discussion and possible action regarding the use of artificial ears for the ear impression practicum.
 - D. Discussion and possible action regarding the written examination test item bank.
 - E. Discussion of pros and cons of having a Committee-administered practical examination.
 - IV. Rules
 - A. Discussion and possible action regarding rules suggested for committee proposal regarding proposed rule changes mandated by prior legislative changes: online renewal of licenses and subsequent collection of additional fees to fund online renewal, two-year licensing, and the collection of additional fees with each new application submitted after January 1 2004, to fund the Office of Patient Protection.
 - B. Discussion and possible action to consider petition for adoption of amendments to 22 T.A.C.,

Chapter 141, submitted by Committee Member Richard Davila.

V. Applications

A. Review and possible action on processes and procedures to handle Administrative and Applications Subcommittee processing of applications for reciprocity, expired licenses, and expired temporary training permits.

B. Discussion and possible action on processing of renewals based on requirements under §141.13(c)(16).

6. Discussion and possible action to consider draft proposed rules and preamble to 22 T.A.C., Chapter 741 regarding proposed rule changes mandated by prior legislative changes: online renewal of licenses and subsequent collection of additional fees to fund online renewal, two-year licensing, and the collection of additional fees with each new application submitted after January 1, 2004, to fund the Office of Patient Protection.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding Committee policies.
8. Discussion and possible action regarding policy and procedures for notifying permit holders and supervisors when a permit expires and cease and desist letters sent to those working unlicensed.
9. Discussion and possible action to create an advisory committee.
10. Committee Chairman Report
11. Unit Manager Report
12. Executive Director Report
13. Announcements and comments not requiring board action
14. Public Comments
15. Adjournment

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